

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Representation has been received regarding replacement of existing 19 telephone exchanges by electronic exchanges in West Godavri District in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) (i) Electronic exchanges have been planned for 17 places.

(ii) The replacement of existing exchanges by electronic exchanges at two places will be considered on expiry of their prescribed useful life.

Doordarshan Studios in the State

6269. SHRI LAETE UMBREY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state-

(a) the details of the criteria adopted for setting up Doordarshan studios;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up Doordarshan Studios in the capital cities of the NE states;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Establishment of Programme Production/Generation Facilities at different places of the country is broadly governed by the following parameters:

(i) To establish Programme Production Facilities at the Capital of each State/Union Territory;

(ii) To establish Programme Production/Generation Facilities at se-

lected places of cultural importance in the country;

(iii) To establish Programme Generation Facilities at selected places identified under 'INSAT utilisation scheme' for production of Area Specific Programmes (ASP) for the benefit of selected clusters of villages; and

(iv) To establish Programme Generation Facilities at selected TV Relay Centres to cater to the local needs of peculiarly distinct population groups.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Whereas a TV Studio Centre is already functioning at Guwahati, similar Centres have been set up at the capital cities of Imphal, Shillong, Kohima and Agartala in North-Eastern States. These Centres would, however, be commissioned into service after the requisite manpower to run these centres becomes available. Studio Centres are also under implementation at the capital cities at Aizawl and Itanagar

(d) Does not arise.

Jinji as National Tourism Centre (Tamil Nadu)

6270. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state-

(a) whether the Government propose to declare Jinji in South Arcot district of Tamil Nadu as national tourist centre in view of its archaeological and historical importance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION